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1. [redacted] The flight was made in conjunction with Army maneuvers. I do not know the actual name of the field. I assume it was an old German airfield since none of the installations appeared of recent construction. It is located 10-12 km east of Altenburg. A forest extends along the eastern border; an asphalt road leading to Altenburg lies about 500 m north. I did not see any railroad tracks in the vicinity. I believe there were concrete-covered perimeter tracks on the western and southern borders of the field. The only obstructions I noted in the area were the trees on the eastern border; these were some 20 m tall.
2. I should estimate the length of the airfield to be about 1000 m (N-S) and the width about 500 m. The field was roughly rectangular and was on level, grass-covered ground. It could be extended in all directions but east, where the forest blocked it.
3. The airfield was a purely military installation; I saw no civilian passenger aircraft there. The commanding officer was a Soviet Air Force colonel and the military personnel were all members of the Soviet Air Force. I believe the unit stationed there was of regimental strength. The military personnel wore the Soviet Air Force uniform, with blue shoulder boards; [redacted]
[redacted] I believe the airfield was used by a tactical unit (fighter or ground attack); I did not see any training taking place.
4. I saw 30-35 aircraft parked on the concrete apron in straight rows with the front sections of the aircraft facing each other, and in one row, on the sod, with the aircraft facing the runway. They all appeared to be new and may have been of the IL-12 type. They were twin-engine (four-bladed propellers) monoplanes with single vertical stabilizer; and had, I believe,

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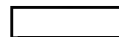
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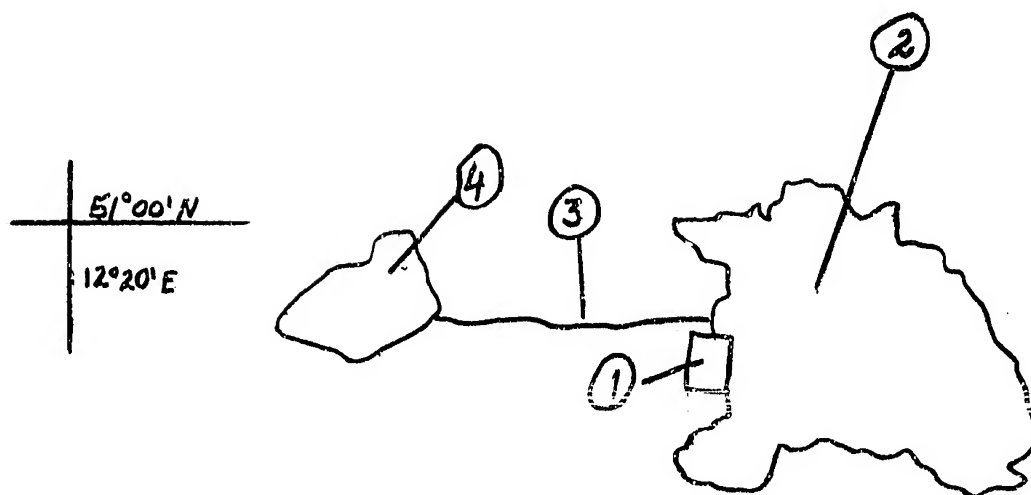
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"Altenburg" Airfield (505845N - 123100E)
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(1:100,000) "CHEMNITZ" map; pinpointing
subject airfield.

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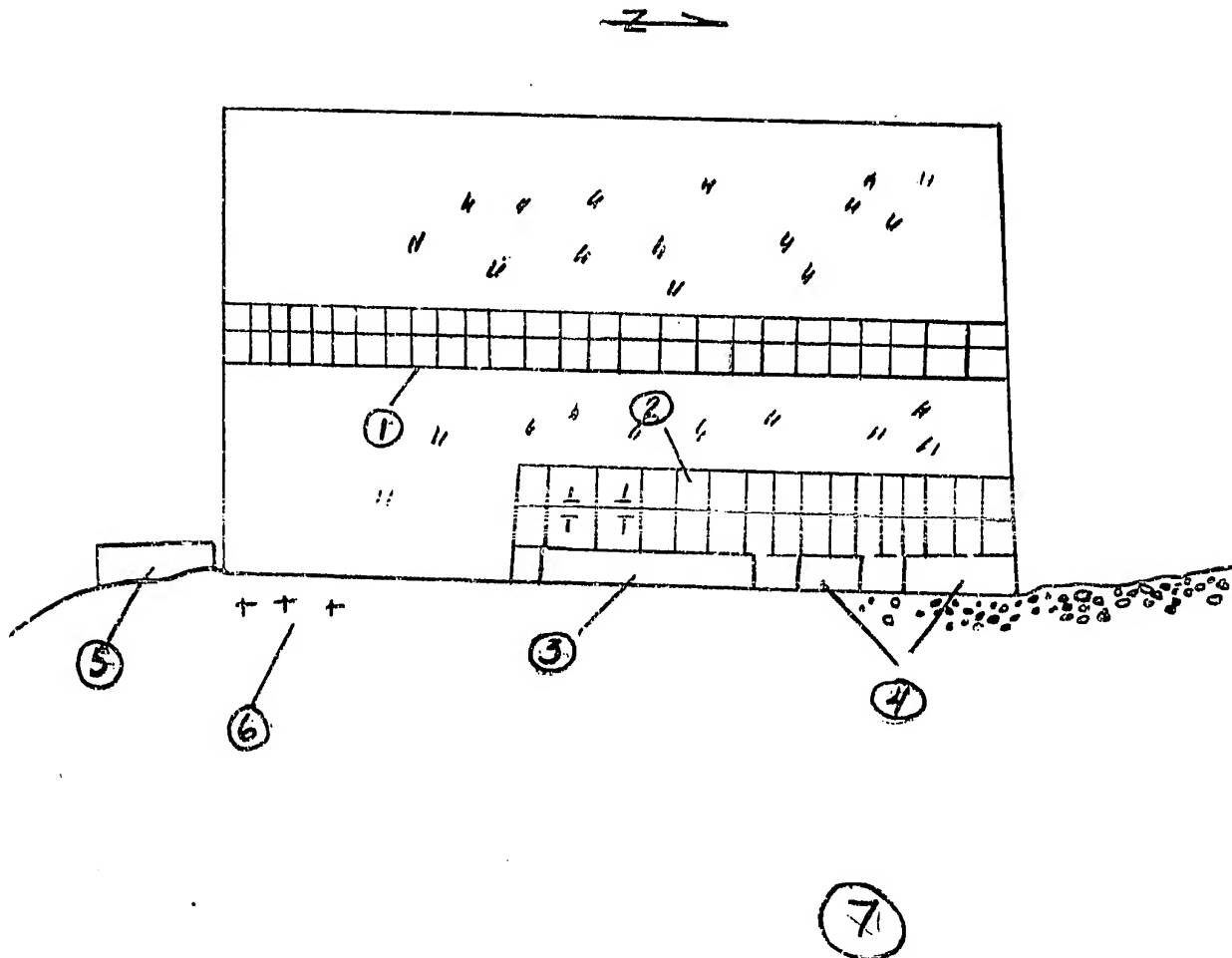
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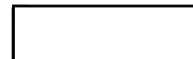
sketch map of field area.

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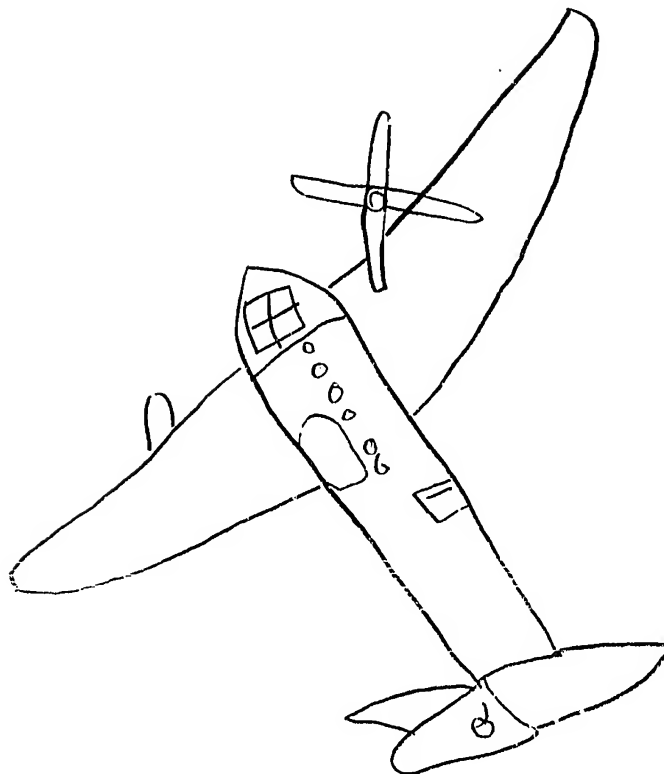
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"ALTENBURG" Airfield (55°45'N - 12°31'00"E)
[redacted] sketch of aircraft observed at
subject installation.

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